the record available with Central Adoption Resource Agency, no such child adoption racket especially in Andhra Pradesh has been reported during the last two years.

(b) to (f) Question do not arise.

Anganwadi Centres in the country

2242. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres functioning in the country at present including Andhra Pradesh, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are considering to expand Anganwadi scheme in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The State-wise number of Anganwadi Centres functioning in the country including Andhra Pradesh, as on 30.9.2005, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) In pursuance of Government's commitment as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme, the ICDS Scheme has recently been expanded to cover 461 additional projects and 1.88 lakh Anganwadi Centres. Further expansion to increase the outreach of the Scheme to hitherto uncovered areas, if any, is under consideration.

Statement

State-wise number of Anganwadi Centres in the country

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Anganwadi Centres functioning as on 30.09.2005
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	55541

1	2	3
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2359
3	Assam	25416
4	Bihar	57767
5	Chhattisgarh	20289
6	Goa	1012
7	Gujarat	37415
8	Haryana	13546
9	Himachal Pradesh	7354
10	Jammu & Kashmir	10398
11	Jharkhand	22170
12	Karnataka	40301
13	Kerala	25373
14	Madhya Pradesh	49710
15	Maharashtra	63927
16	Manipur	4500
17	Meghalaya	2218
18	Mizoram	1361
19	Nagaland	2770
20	Orissa	34142
21	Punjab	14730
22	Rajasthan	35804
23	Sikkim	500
24	Tamil Nadu	42677
25	Tripura	3768
26	Uttar Pradesh	102811
27	Uttaranchal	6639
28	West Bengal	54744

1	2	3
29	A & N Islands	527
30	Chandigarh	300
31	Delhi	3842
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	138
33	Daman & Diu	87
34	Lakshadweep	74
35	Pondicherry	677
	ALL INDIA	744887

Fund for ICDS in Karnataka

2243. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to release second instalment of grants for the year 2005-06 relating to centrally sponsored scheme of ICDS;

(b) if so, by when it was released and the amount released; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of grant-in-aid released to State of Karnataka during 2005-06 for Centrally Sponsored ICDS (General) Scheme are as under:

Instalment	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Date
I	5653.46	03.05.2005
II	6486.00	17.10.2005
III	1256.65	01.03.2006

Swadhar Scheme for the poor widows

2244. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched Swadhar Scheme in 2001-02 for the welfare of poor widows;